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IDAHO CAPITOL RESTORATION



The exterior work described in this Capitol Renovation and Repair Bulletin represents only a very small portion of the total critical repair needs of the Idaho State Capitol Building.

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Capitol Skylight Repairs to Finish by Spring

Over the past several months, contractors have been working toward completion of **Phase II** of the Capitol's exterior repairs set for this spring.

The 2004 Legislature appropriated \$3 million to complete the Capitol exterior preservation and repair work initiated in 2001. This **Phase II** work includes skylight repairs and drainage work around the perimeter of the building to make sure water does not damage its foundation.

Roof replacement is scheduled to begin once the skylight restoration is finished.

Work was also set to proceed on the large north skylight over the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee room (**above photo**). Just last week, however, contractors discovered a problem with the newly fabricated framing for the JFAC skylight, which had been scheduled for completion the end of December. Consequently, this portion of the repair will be delayed about a month, according to **Jan Frew**, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works.



In the interim, plywood sheathing and a temporary roofing membrane will be in place until the replacement skylight can be installed. **When the parts do arrive, work will be scheduled around legislative activities to minimize noise concerns.**

The two skylights over the presently unfinished 5th Floor will also be rehabilitated in the near future.

\$988,900 was included in the Capitol Commission appropriation for skylights and associated repairs.

(Photo at Left: New skylights have been installed over both Legislative chambers).



Exterior Restoration Work

Top Photo Left: West Cupola with temporary protection covering cast stone repairs.

Top Photo Right: Skylights surrounding the Rotunda were replaced with aluminum frame and laminated glass skylights for extra impact resistance due to falling ice from the dome.

Bottom Photo Left: The cast stone cement patching process is almost done. Work remaining includes sealing cast stone joints, grouting and sealing cracks in the stucco and applying an elastomeric coating to all the cast stone and stucco surfaces found at the base of the East and West Cupolas.

Bottom Photo Right: West granite planter wall is nearing completion.



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